

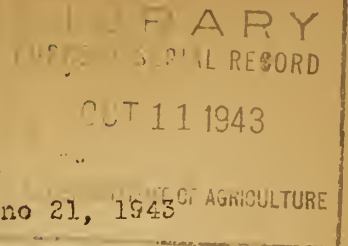
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Food Distribution Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.



FILE INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 5

From: Arthur J. Holmaas, Acting Chief, Food Industries Labor Branch  
Subject: Official Notice of Recent Decisions of the Essential Activities Committee of the War Manpower Commission

On May 29, National Selective Service Headquarters issued Transmittal Memorandum No. 31, which stated:

"We are transmitting herewith Activity and Occupation Bulletin No 6, as amended 5/29/43. This bulletin was amended to delete the words 'canned or preserved' as they appear after 'fish,' 'fruit and fruit juices,' 'nuts,' and 'vegetables and vegetable juices' in Part II - Essential Activities, and to delete the word 'edible' after the words 'fats' and 'oils' in Part II - Essential Activities."

On May 25, 1943, Mr. Colli's Stocking, Associate Director, Bureau of Program Requirements, War Manpower Commission, sent the following letter to Regional Manpower Directors:

"This is to advise you that the Essential Activities Committee of the War Manpower Commission regards the production of the following products and the rendering of the following services included in the Essential Activities indicated below:

"Bulletin No. 5, Agricultural Services and Commercial Fishing  
Fresh Packing and Packaging of Fruits and Vegetables  
Assembly of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables into a central point, such as a packing plant  
Collecting and Gathering of Milk or Cream or any other Farm Products and bringing it to some central concentration point, such as a cream or milk assembly station or processing plant

"Bulletin No. 6, Processing of Food  
Macaroni and Noodle Products  
Potato Flakes and Chips  
Spice  
Buttermilk  
Whey  
Yeast  
Food Compressing

"Bulletin No. 7, Forestry, Logging, and Lumbering  
Pulpwood

"Bulletin No. 8, Construction  
Prefabricated Bins and Silos

"Bulletin No. 11, Nonmetallic lining and Processing and Quarrying  
Industrial Silica Sand including Foundry Sand

"Bulletin No. 15, Production of Industrial and Agricultural Equipment  
Seed Cleaning Machinery  
Automatic Sprinklers (fire control and agricultural production)  
Arc Welding Electrodes

"Bulletin No. 17, Production of Chemicals and Allied Products and  
Essential Derivatives Thereof  
Rendering of Inedible Fats and Oils

"Bulletin No. 20, Production of Textiles  
Narrow Fabrics  
Coating of Fabrics

"Bulletin No. 26-7, Transportation Services - Storage  
Government Approved Steel Warehouses

"Bulletin No. 34-3, Governmental Services - other than Federal  
Potato Inspection Services  
Livestock Inspection Services  
Licensed Grain Inspection Services

"Local Board Memorandum No. 164, Classification of Registrants in  
Agriculture  
Rabbits for Human Consumption

"Bulletin No. 29, Communication Services  
Printing of Military Maps and Instructional Manuals

"This information is being transmitted for use in connection with interpretations which your office may be called upon to make and it should be made available immediately to regional, state, area, and local War Manpower Commission personnel."

Since this notice was prepared the Essential Activities Committee has voted to list ice cream in Bulletin No. 6. This Committee has also ruled that 'vitamins' and 'vitamin concentrates' are included in Activity and Occupation Bulletin No. 17 under "Vitamin Products."

The Essential Activities Committee has considered the following products or services for classification as essential but voted that they should not be so classified:

1. Coffee
2. National Cotton Council
3. Wholesale and retail distributors of food

